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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)
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Examiner
Susan Tran

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Apr 10, 2001
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 and 13-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 and 13-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- *See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

- 15) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 18) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 16) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 19) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 17) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____ 20) ☐ Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

Receipt is acknowledged of applicant's Preliminary Amendment A filed 10/20/99, Request to Withdraw Attorney filed 06/28/00, Amendment B filed 09/13/00, Amendment C filed 02/23/00, Request for Extension of Time filed 02/23/00, Request for Extension of Time filed 04/10/00, Request for Continued Examination filed 04/10/01, Declaration 1.132 filed 04/10/01, and Preliminary Response filed 04/10/01.

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 04/10/01 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The examiner maintains the original rejection and thus, claims 1-7, and 13-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Ohno et al. US 5,958,453, in view of Shashoua et al. US 5,795,909.

The Declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 filed 04/10/01 has been considered but fails to overcome the rejection of claims 1-7, and 13-19 based upon the teaching of Ohno as set forth in the last Office action because:

The Declaration is directed to a production of an enteric coating granule, granules having a core, or mixed powder that are not claimed. The time obtained that is showed by the Declaration are within the ranges of the prior art, 0.1 to 1.0 second (column 6, lines 65-67). The term "[no] chalky taste" to "[a] little chalky taste" is too relative to allow scientific comparison. Furthermore, Ohno is also interested in hardness, as well as dissolution time of the tablet,

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therefore applicant fails to establish unexpected results over the teaching of Ohno. Accordingly, the Declaration does not establish superior results over the applied prior art.

Correspondence

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Susan Tran whose telephone number is (703) 306-5816. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 6:00 am to 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thurman K. Page, can be reached on (703) 308-2927. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 305-3592.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1235.

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